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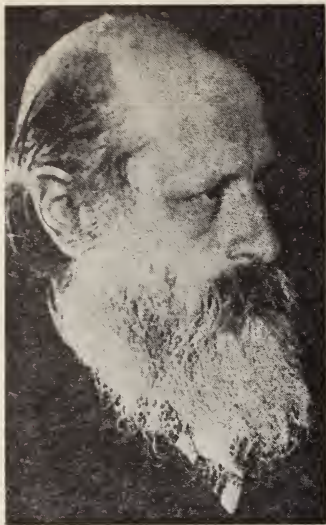
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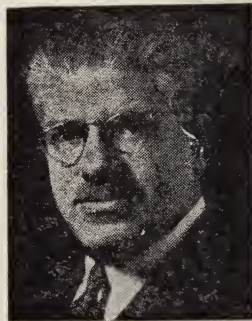
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The Vatican and Jerusalem

THREE years have gone by since the United Nations voted to make Jerusalem an international city. Although events have proved the impossibility of carrying out this plan, the United Nations has failed to rescind its decision. In large part the refusal of the United Nations to recognize the realities of the situation is due to the stand taken by the Vatican. The Vatican's attitude is reflected in the votes of the Latin-American and other Catholic countries in the United Nations.

It is true that the Vatican originally supported the partition resolution which was the forerunner of an independent Jewish state. The price demanded by the Vatican for such support was agreement by Jewish leaders to accept an international status for Jerusalem. The Arab-Israeli war, however, proved how impractical such a plan was. For the first time in history Jerusalem's holy places were demolished by cannon and guns. The Arab Legion, in utter disregard of religious and humane considerations, subjected Jerusalem to constant and murderous gunfire. Jerusalem's 100,000 Jews bravely withstood siege and privation while the world looked on apathetically. The paper plan for internationalizing Jerusalem went up in smoke and fire. Only the heavy sacrifices of Jerusalem's gallant Jewish defenders saved the city from destruction. When the truce went into effect the old city was in possession of the Arabs but the new city remained in Jewish hands.

The nations of the world had shown their unwillingness to defend an interna-

tional city. What the Jewish people had protected with blood, tears and sacrifice they were now unwilling to relinquish. They were resolved to restore Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

Facts are stubborn things. In the face of facts why does the Vatican insist on its unworkable plan? The Vatican speaks of free access to the Holy Places. Israel has given such assurance and has proved in the three and a half years of its existence that these assurances were given in good faith. Further, nearly all of the Holy Places are within the walls of the old city, and not in the Israeli-held new section.

The clue to the Vatican's demand for an internationalized Jerusalem may be found in an illuminating passage in James G. McDonald's "My Mission to Israel." According to McDonald the real reason for the Vatican's insistence on an internationalized Jerusalem is the desire for an increased Christian population in the city to support the churches of Jerusalem. The former ambassador to Israel writes:

"The Vatican persisted in its opposition because the Israel plan still did not satisfy the demand for a Christian population to support the Holy City's Christian institutions. As McMahon had insisted all along, the guarantee merely of the protection of the physical Christian properties was not enough. The essential Christian need, the Vatican urged, was an international regime which would guarantee full opportunity for the restoration of the Christian population and the growth of Jerusalem as a universal

Christian religious, cultural and educational center."

McDonald has a high regard for the work of Monsignor Thomas J. McMahon, who heads the Catholic Near East Welfare Association as Cardinal Spellman's representative in Israel. Apparently, however, it is McMahon who adamantly refuses to recognize the impossibility of internationalization. It is he who argued that without a Christian population in Jerusalem the shrines would be lifeless museum pieces. Monsignor McMahon's influence on Vatican policy seems to be decisive.

To refuse to recognize Israel's legitimate claims to its historic capital of Jerusalem merely because the Vatican seeks financial support for its shrines seems unjust indeed. The former ambassador reports that Cardinal Spellman himself seemed to be well aware of the difficulties in the way of internationalization.

The Vatican helped the cause of an independent Jewish state when it supported the United Nations' partition resolution of November 1949. The time has surely come for the Vatican to recognize Israel's just claim for sovereignty over the new city of Jerusalem. With Vatican approval the United Nations would quickly abandon its impossible plan for an internationalized Jerusalem.

— MORDECAI H. LEWITTES.

THE LUCY GREENBERG MEMORIAL

THE students of the Hebrew School and Center Academy of the Brooklyn Jewish Center are to be congratulated on the successful completion of their project in memory of the late Mrs. Lucy Greenberg, wife of our President, Judge Eman-

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"JUST BETWEEN OURSELVES"

"בינינו לבין עצמנו"

An Intimate Chat Between Rabbi and Reader

LEARNING ON THE RUN

PROFESSOR Martin Buber, the world renowned Jewish philosopher of Jewish Religion, whom we shall be privileged to have as guest at our Forum in March, made a striking statement recently which I should like to bring to the attention of the readers of the *Review*.

He was addressing a conference on Adult Jewish Education held at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and told the Rabbis, educators and interested laymen present of his experiences in this important field as one of the leaders in adult Jewish education, first in Germany and later in Israel. The first striking observation he made was: "I am opposed to over-popularization in education." I am sure that this must have been a reaction to a trend he had observed even in his short stay in America. We have all become victims of this fashion of popularization. People no longer have patience to study a serious subject—whether it be religion, or philosophy or science—as it should be studied through books that are the products of research by masters in these fields. We look for hurried resumes, mere outlines, that are popularly written and can be read at a glance, but which really give us no real knowledge of the subject.

This attitude is revealed also in the average newspaper or magazine reader: The tabloid paper, with its capsule outline of the most important world news, has acquired far more readers than the

solid newspaper, that gives a thorough report of world events.

The number of readers of serious magazines is declining, and men and women turn for their information and cultural guidance to publications which take a quick look at things. These, they are assured, are enough for the modern man. As a matter of fact people do not like to read at all, they prefer to listen to others who relay to them in a few words what a book is supposed to tell. Speed in acquiring wisdom and culture has become the fashion of the day.

And this tendency is reflected also in our modern Jewish cultural life. Authors of serious studies on Jewish subjects will tell you how difficult it is to get publishers to issue their works; the usual answer they get is, "Jews do not read such books." Here again the average Jew, like the would-be proselyte who came before Hillel, wants to be told the whole Torah while standing on one foot. He thinks he can master a knowledge of his history or of what his people believed in by reading a popular article in a picture magazine. He wants knowledge, but he is naive enough to think that knowledge can be acquired without effort.

Alas, even Rabbis, congregations and other organizations have become victims of this trend. For their adult education projects, some of them conduct a week-

end or several days' Institute held at some retreat. The "students" listen to a few lectures that are supposed to give them, in a thumb-nail summary, the whole history of the Jew and the basic knowledge of his religion. At one such cultural retreat, I am informed, the people who attended such lectures for the few days of their duration, were granted Diplomas—to attest, I suppose, that they were now completely informed in Jewish lore. I have no objection to such cultural outings, nor to such lecture or discussions; we should not, however, dignify these ventures with the name of Institutes or Academies of Jewish Studies.

The danger inherent in such projects is that their patronizers begin to believe that they have really acquired Jewish knowledge, that they can now become the cultural leaders of their community. Such meetings and lectures may be of value if they could inspire the attendants to realize the importance of Jewish study, if they could be impressed with the fact that now they ought to do serious reading and study of the subjects which they had merely glimpsed. We, in the Brooklyn Jewish Center, are proud that we have not yielded to this new educational trend. We still believe in the old Jewish dictum: *A'se Torascho Keva*. Set an appointed, regular time for the study of Torah. We believe that Torah, Jewish culture, can be acquired only through diligent and continuous study. At our Center's Institute of Jewish Studies for Adults, men and women devote an hour or two—and some even more—every week throughout the fall, winter and part of the spring months, in class-room study, with outside reading assignments and home preparation. That is education. That is the only kind of education that can have lasting value, and by which true knowledge may be acquired.

Professor Buber struck a much needed note when he decried this trend of over-popularization in the field of education. We hope that his words will influence American Jews to return to the Jewish concept of learning—to the concept that the attainment of knowledge requires constant effort and diligent pursuit.

Israel H. Perutthal

The Lucy Greenberg Memorial

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uel Greenberg. The pupils of the two schools planted a grove of 1800 trees in Israel, to be known as the Lucy Greenberg Memorial Grove.

Brief ceremonies were held on Chamisha Asar Bishvat, traditional New Year of the trees, in honor of this event. A scroll was presented to the students by a representative of the Jewish National Fund to mark the planting of the memorial grove. Those who were present were greatly touched by the words of the grandson of the late Lucy Greenberg, Richard David Steinberg, who accepted

the scroll in the name of the school. He said, "As a student in our Hebrew School, and as a grandson of Mrs. Lucy Greenberg, of beloved memory, it is my privilege to accept this scroll. We students promise to continue our efforts in behalf of the Jewish National Fund. We know that through the planting of trees, we are doing our share to make Israel once more a land flowing with milk and honey."

Each tree planted in Israel is an *etz chayim*—a tree of life. The grove is indeed a fitting tribute to one who was ardently devoted throughout her life to the cause of Zion rebuilt. —M. H. L.

THE *Sabra*, the Jew born in Palestine, is still a subject for curiosity, speculation and, to a certain extent, anxiety. What is he really like? Does he justify the hopes so fondly cherished by two generations of Zionist workers and pioneers?

The generally accepted picture of the *Sabra* is based almost entirely on superficial impressions. He is pictured as rough, hard, impolite, insensitive to the finer things of life and uninterested in the fate of the Jewish people in the Diaspora. No one has yet made a comprehensive and fundamental study of the *Sabra* and his characteristics, and a fascinating and untilled field of research awaits the attention of the trained social psychologist.

One of the by-products of Israel's War of Independence, however, has been the revelation of a wealth of hitherto unknown material. The finest flower of our *Sabra* youth fell on the battlefield, and many of them left behind letters, diaries and their first attempts in the sphere of literature. Some of these have been collected and published in book or periodical form by friends, relatives, or the *kibbutzim* of which they were members. B. Y. Mikhali has surveyed almost thirty such collections, and discussed their contents in a series of articles which are reprinted in a recent book.

In most of the writings surveyed we can see these young men and women at the moments when their words were meant for themselves alone, or for one person, near and dear, before whom all barriers were down. And it is at such moments that we can make some approach to the truth which is usually concealed from view. Asaf Katz says in a letter to his sweetheart:

"I'm irresponsible—that's what many people think. I'm wild, lighthearted, I know nothing of law and order, refinement, morality or discipline. I'm irresponsible and empty-headed to many people, but not to you. And you don't know that this is the mask, that this is the best screen for many moods which a man does not want to reveal at the time that he is under their influence."

And Rafi Maletz explains that the mask is donned in order to protect very delicate and sensitive emotions from contact with the grossness of social life:

"And then you meet the cruel necessity, so dominant in our life, which com-

pels you to go out, to meet people; when you long with all your being to remain with yourself, to be alone with worlds which are far deeper than those which surround you when you are in company. So you go out when your heart and soul are still completely immersed in some inner experience which possesses you completely, and then you must cover your face with that mask of coldness—the iron wall of your soul."

Perhaps in many cases it is this intense shyness, this shrinking from the public exposure of one's innermost ideals and emotions, which accounts for the *Sabra's* distaste for what he calls "Zionut" (the quotation marks being vividly expressed by the tone of voice in which the word is spoken), i.e., sentimental and platitudinous Zionist speechifying. I remember one hard-boiled young journalist who was enthusing to me about the wonderful changes he had just seen on a trip to the Negev, and urging me to go and see for myself, so that I could write on the subject. "Why don't you write the article yourself?" I suggested. "Well," he replied, "it would be like writing for the papers about the girl you love." But such moments of self-revelation are rare.

Another cause for this reluctance to reveal what is in one's heart is the feeling of an almost insupportable burden which rests heavily on many of these young people. Hardly had they finished school when they had to go out, first to the manifold activities of the Hagana, and then to the grim battles of the War of Independence. The light-hearted, normal pleasures of youth were not for them—the shadow of duty was never absent for long. Yechi'am Weitz, one of the finest of these choice spirits,* writes:

"And in this insignificant space of time . . . I must change from a child to a man; I must live, instead of playing a Boy Scout game. This is an inconceivable labor, inescapable spiritual hard labor, emotional hard labor, hard labor

* He was killed in the Hagana attacks on railway bridges along the northern frontier on the night of the 16th-17th, June, 1946.

The Native-Born Israelis, Called "Sabras," Look Different and Feel Different from the New Settlers. Here is an Explanation.

THE SABRA ANALYZED

By MISHA LOVISH

involving all the essence of a man."

There are moments when the burden of life leads to despair. Elsewhere Yechi'am writes to his sweetheart:

"Rema, look at me well; Rema, look at me with clear and open eyes. Just now I am nothing, nothing at all. I am sunk in terrible despair. I am devoured every day by the tastelessness, the emptiness of everything."

Chaim Ben-Dor gives a typical reply to this cry from the heart, a reply quite out of keeping with the conventional picture of the *Sabra*:

"... The only means of overcoming this nothingness is the rich, deep, inner life, not the external life of man. Through it alone, through it alone, is it possible to approach the immortal, for which—with or without our knowledge—we yearn with all our souls."

But of course there are not lacking what the author calls *nekudot achiza* — *Anbaltspunkte* (literally, "holding-on points")—elements in life which enable the young man to grapple with the problems of existence and come to terms with the world around him. One such element is humor, which in its essence involves and ensures the acceptance and enjoyment of life as it is. Another is the respect which many of them, sons and daughters of the pioneers of the national revival, feel for the lifework of their parents. And a third is the satisfaction of work, physical labor, which helps them to forget the philosophic doubts which oppress them. Thus Yechi'am, son of Yosef Weitz, one of the foremost figures in the land reclamation work of the Jewish National Fund, writes:

"Only today have I felt something of the joy of doing, something of the pleasure of work. It seems to me as if I grow stronger by working, as if I thrust my feet deeper into the soft earth. And I rejoice with it all, with the wind, the rain, the vine and the soil."

The emotions expressed in these extracts are not, by any means, always nar-

rowly personal; a deeply religious note is often struck. Chaim Ben-Dor says:

"When someone explains to me the feeling of happiness which surrounds him when he hears the great harmony, when a man knows how to listen to 'the universal song' which can be sounded by the flower, the worm, or man—I feel something true in that feeling, something which flows from deep sources, which is connected with one's innermost experience." And he has an emotional attachment to traditional Jewish values—he is shocked on one occasion by the way in which everyone in a particular *kibbutz* is working on the Sabbath. But he has no patience with those who, in his opinion, use religion for political purposes:

"When I hear men making a movement out of this, continually preaching 'religiosity,' calling meetings and ascribing to the lack of religion all the tragedies of our times, casting such an intimate experience in moulds which almost partake of the character of a political party—all this makes me feel disgusted, as if someone should proclaim his great love alone in the streets."

And Itamar Golani, in a sketch which has already become a classic, describes *Shabbat* in the *Kibbutz*:

"This song has never been uttered in any place but a young *kibbutz*, wrestling with the difficulties of its construction. This song is impregnated with tears and sweat, the energy and effort of the young builders of our people. And the heart is sore if you, too, have not been sanctified by the suffering of creation and the tribulations of construction."

The patriotism which emerges from these intimate pages is very far from a narrow chauvinism. Here, again, is a passage from the writings of Chaim (writing in Chanita, on the northern border):

"What a tremendous confidence you feel on this soil! You cannot really call it a feeling for the homeland, for such a feeling is found mainly among those who have no homeland. Here there is such a naturalness, such a feeling of 'This is mine.' Sometimes I feel that this is what the Jewish young men will be like when the land of Israel is completely Jewish, and it contains several generations of *Sabras*."

The link with the Diaspora finds frequent expression in these writings, as indeed it found expression in the deeds of

the young men who left their homes to help the remnants of European Jewry escape to the Land of Israel. Zohar Dayan, son of Shmuel Dayan, one of the pioneers of Nahalal, writes vividly:

"I carry on my breast the picture of a family which is alive in Eretz Israel, in Nahalal, and thousands of mothers carry on their breasts the picture of a three- or four-year-old child who was burnt in the incinerators."

But he feels proud of his share in the deliverance of the survivors:

"I sit here on the Belgian frontier, turning some of the small screws in the great machine that sets in motion orphan homes, and death camps, and individual Jews, and training farms for youth on the way to the homeland. And I compare myself now with myself as I was

in Nahalal, and I am glad that now I am in my right place. As for the dear sons of Nahalal, who have remained behind to till the soil, I have no complaints against them, but what I and my insignificant comrades are doing now, they will not do in a long time."

Of course these extracts are taken from the writings of the finest examples of the generation that fought and won in the War of Independence. Not every young man and woman in Israel is a philosopher or a poet or a thinker of noble thoughts. But this treasure, which has been uncovered almost by chance through the upheaval of war, must be typical of much that remains buried beneath the outwardly heedless, unsentimental exterior of many a *Sabra*.

—From the *Jerusalem News-Letter*.

Army Fears Jewish Workers May Offend Arabs

DISCRIMINATION by the United States Army against Jewish workers in recruiting personnel for American defense projects in the Middle East came under heavy fire recently.

The discrimination against Americans of the Jewish faith was revealed to the Senate Preparedness Committee by Maj. Gen. G. J. Nold, Deputy Chief of Army engineers. He testified that the Army asked State employment agencies to eliminate Jews from among prospective workers on a construction project in French Morocco. The presence of Jewish workers, Gen. Nold said, might offend the Arabs.

Because the New York State Employment Service refused to discriminate between Jewish and non-Jewish workers, approximately 20,000 qualified New Yorkers were by-passed for consideration by the Army for these overseas jobs.

U. S. Senator Herbert H. Lehman said that he would investigate this discrimination. Earlier, major Jewish organizations affiliated in the National Community Relations Advisory Council called on the newly established Committee on Government Contract Compliance to give "top priority" to an investigation of discrimination against Jewish workers by the U. S. Corps of Army Engineers.

In a joint telegram, the American Jewish Committee, American Jewish Congress, Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish Labor Committee, Jewish War Veterans of the U. S., Union of American Hebrew Congregations and 27

Jewish community councils which together comprise the NCRAC, protested.

Criticism of this policy was voiced by the Anti-Defamation League of the B'nai B'rith in a telegram to Secretary of the Army Frank Pace. The telegram pointed out that the Army attitude "seems to make the military establishment partner to obvious evasions of Federal law as promulgated by Presidential Executive Orders Nos. 9346 and 10308."

The first order obligates employers holding government contracts not to discriminate among job applicants on racial or religious grounds. The second order holds government agencies letting contracts responsible for obtaining compliance with this regulation.

A spokesman for the Department of Defense said there have been no instances of friction in North Africa involving American Jews connected with the Army's base-building program. The Department noted, however, that no Jewish workers had been sent to that area.

Despite Gen. Nold's testimony, the Department spokesman insisted that "there is no policy which would prohibit the sending of the members of any religion, as workers or as soldiers, to any area where the Army is operating."

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

JEWISH reparations talks with Germany will start in the middle of March, it was announced by Dr. Nahum Goldmann, chairman of the Jewish Agency and president of the Conference on Jewish Material Claims Against Germany. The negotiations will not be held in Germany.

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The right of the State of Israel to claim reparations from Germany was challenged by the *Aachener Nachrichten*, German right-wing daily. In an editorial, the paper said that since the State of Israel was established after World War II and

therefore never had been at war with Hitler, it was questionable whether Israel could claim reparations. In the eyes of the Jews, the editorial commented, "Germany will never lose the stigma of unforgivable crimes and is doomed to remain the eternal debtor of Jewry."

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The prices of many commodities and services continued to rise in Israel, as a result of the government's new economic policy, even as Parliament began a lengthy debate on this policy.

The cost of hospital services rose by ten per cent. Rentals which were not fixed rose. Taxi fares increased 50 per cent, although the government has granted no official rise. There is a great demand in the cities for goods whose prices are expected to go up shortly, and long queues formed at stores selling clothing and shoes. However, a degree of quiet was returning to the markets and even in the black market prices dipped slightly.

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The Journalists Association protested against the failure of the Israel Government to solve the problem of the newspaper shortage. The protest was voiced in a resolution adopted at the biennial conference of the Association in Tel Aviv.

Speakers at the conference discussed the position of the Israel newspapers, which are now appearing in two-page editions because of the lack of paper. The conference called upon the government to take measures to ensure sufficient newsprint for the 18 daily newspapers which are published here in various languages.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt is now visiting Israel. During her tour in the Negev, Mrs. Roosevelt stopped at Beersheba, where she lunched with the mayor and local notables. Later she visited Sheikh Suleiman el Huziel and his tribe. On her way to Dr. Weizmann's home, she came to the village for the blind near Rehovot which is maintained by the Joint Distribution Committee. She was presented with an album of pictures of the village.

Dr. Garcia Granados, representative of

Guatemala at the United Nations, who is also in Israel, addressed the Commercial and Industrial Club in Tel Aviv. He will participate in the U.J.A. campaign upon his return to the United States.

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The Board of Deputies of British Jews held a special session at which it adopted a resolution congratulating Queen Elizabeth II upon her accession to the throne. The Board also invited the Anglo-Jewish Association to join with it in the resolution and in the presentation of an address to the new Queen incorporating the sentiments of the resolution.

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Dr. Abraham Cohen, president of the Board, eulogized the late Jacob Landau, founder of the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, declaring that Mr. Landau was

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Sign Of Hope

ON THE 28th January the Israeli delegate to the United Nations, Abba S. Eban, in Paris for the sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, sent a letter to the President of the Security Council complaining that the Syrian delegate, speaking for his country in the Assembly, had threatened the destruction of Israel. In the speech the Syrian delegate, Ahmed Shukayri, had warned Israel of the "storm" that would tear the structure of Israel down to the foundation."

The next day, in a high school in Manhattan, the Julia Richman, a group of young foreign students, here under the auspices of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) held a panel on Asian and Middle East problems. At the conclusion of the discussion, as the chairman of the meeting was about to announce an adjournment, one of the youthful delegates motioned that he wished to say something.

"Before we leave," he said, "I should like to shake the hand of the delegate from Israel."

And he strode over to Ami Tal and shook his hand heartily.

This boy was Marwan Sadat, of Syria.

Passover CARE Packages

A new CARE Passover Food Package to assure meat and other needed supplies for families in Israel during the coming holidays was announced by Paul Comly French, executive director.

For the past two and a half months there have been no meat rations for Israelis, and a current distribution of a quarter-pound of meat per person is being made without any indication of when the next ration may be expected, Mr. French pointed out. He urged Americans to order the special \$12 kosher gift package so that they could be certain relatives, friends or other recipients would have festive meals for the holidays, which begin April 10th.

The more than 13 and a half pounds of food in the Passover package include six pounds, nine ounces of various meats. Orders may be sent at once to CARE, 20 Broad Street, New York 5, N. Y., or any local office of CARE or HIAS (Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the exclusive Jewish organization accepting CARE orders for Israel). Ration-free, duty-free delivery is guaranteed.

Certified as kosher for Passover by the Rabbinical Council of America and the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, the CARE holiday package contains: corned beef loaf, 4½ oz.; beef in natural juices, veal in natural juices, 30 oz. each; sugar, dried prunes, 2 lbs. each; coffee, butter, 1 lb. each; tea, ½ lb.; peanut oil, 1 pint; black pepper, 1½ oz.

1951 REPORT ON THE CENTER

Delivered at the Annual Meeting Held on January 31, 1952

By EMANUEL GREENBERG, President

LET me extend to you a cordial welcome to this 33rd Annual Meeting of the Brooklyn Jewish Center. Unlike other meetings during the past years, this meeting will be devoted to a resume of the activities of our Center throughout the year. It is well that we should pause to evaluate our work and our accomplishments and to discuss our problems and how they may be solved. I shall try to be as brief as possible and I trust that you will give me your undivided attention.

Balancing of Our Budget

One of the most important problems that faced your administration during the past year was that of balancing the budget of the Center. This problem is one that has not confronted us in many years. As a result of our mortgage redemption and the consequent elimination of interest payments, plus the increased income from membership dues and other sources, the Center not only balanced its budget but accumulated a sizeable surplus which has been placed in reserve for unforeseen contingencies and emergencies and for capital improvements. The situation has somewhat changed in the last year. The Budget Committee, headed by Mr. Max Herzfeld and assisted by most of the heads of departments, made a careful study of our income and expenses, and reported that the present income is insufficient to cover the expenses of the institution and that ways and means should be devised to balance the year's budget.

The matter received careful consideration at meetings of the Board of Trustees and of the Governing Board. A Special Committee on Finance was appointed consisting of four members of the Board of Trustees and four members of the Governing Board. The Chairman, Mr. David Spiegel, and the members of the committee were asked by your President to "study the finances of the Center with special emphasis on means to meet the deficit and to balance the maintenance budget of the institution."

This committee, after an exhaustive

study, concluded that if nothing is done to correct the present situation the operational deficits in the foreseeable future might be greater than the deficit experienced this year. These expected deficits are caused mainly by the steadily mounting increases in salaries and increased cost of supplies and services used by the Center, and by the reduction in income.

One of the means of reducing expenses, carefully considered by the members of the Committee, was the complete or partial elimination of some of our activities. The unanimous opinion was against any program of retrenchment and for maintaining the high standard of services rendered by the Center through these many years. These manifold activities, it was felt, have been mainly responsible for the institution's growth and development.

While minor economics could be effected here and there, the resulting savings would in no way solve the problems of balancing the budget.

Increase in Membership Dues

It became clear, therefore, that some attempt should be made to increase the income of the Center. Many plans were offered. The committee, however, came to the conclusion that the burden should be assumed by all members of the institution through a general increase in membership dues. They recommended that the dues for family membership be raised from \$50 to \$65 per year; that of single members, widows and widowers without minor children from \$37.50 to \$47.50 and the dues of girls from \$25 to \$35.

In making this recommendation the Committee stressed the fact that such increases were fully justified by the services received by members of the Brooklyn Jewish Center and that they were nominal and within the ability of the community to absorb.

The recommendation was submitted to a joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and Governing Board and, after considerable discussion, it was not accepted. The majority of the members present felt that other means should be found to in-

crease the income of the Center, and, that for the present at least, the plan for increased dues should be abandoned.

The Special Committee on Finance was thereupon asked to continue to function and to submit other recommendations for meeting the budget.

Sustaining Membership

A suggestion which the Board of Trustees had previously carefully considered, was an increase in the number of members who would voluntarily become sustaining members and thereby pay \$100.00 or more if married and \$50.00 or more, if single. Our esteemed rabbi, Dr. Levinthal, has often stressed the fact that real democracy in an institution such as ours does not mean that every member should pay the same amount in membership dues, but should contribute in accordance with his means. The men and women of smaller means should pay the regular dues required of them, but the others, blessed with larger incomes, should proportionately pay their just share in maintaining a religious and cultural institution.

With that aim in view I have appointed a committee headed by Mr. Maurice Bernhardt, to formulate plans for the enrollment of a larger number of sustaining members. They have already met with considerable success, and I am sincerely hopeful that many of the men and women present this evening, and others who are not with us, will help to ease the task of this committee by joining the ranks of sustaining members. I appeal to all members of the Center, who can do so, to show their loyalty and devotion to our institution by giving it additional income.

I have discussed this problem of meeting the Center Budget at much length, feeling as I do that our members should be given a clear picture of the problem facing us now, and which will in all likelihood face us in the years to come.

Membership Problem

Our membership as of December 31, 1951 numbered 1,317 married members

and 839 single members, making a total membership of 2,156.

We have sustained some reduction in our membership because many of our members have moved to other communities. It must be recorded with satisfaction that many of them, even though removed from our immediate neighborhood, are still continuing their affiliation, refusing to sever their ties with the institution that has meant so much to them.

In this connection I wish to report that the Board of Trustees at its last meeting decided to appoint a Retention Committee, the duties of which will be to reduce the number of resignations, and to induce those who are on the brink of resigning to continue their membership in the Center.

The Membership Committee will be required to carry on an intensive effort to enroll more members to replace those lost through resignations or other causes. The enrollment last year was almost as large as on the previous year, but the work of obtaining new members must go on unabated. The responsibility for this work should not be limited to the Membership Committee alone. In fact the co-operation of all our members will be required. Do not hesitate to speak about the Center to your friends and neighbors and urge them to become members in our institution.

Center Activities

The time taken up by my discussion of financial problems makes it necessary that I curtail that part of the report dealing with the activities of our institution.

Religious Activities

The religious activities have been conducted on the same high level to which we have been accustomed through the years. The Late Friday Night Lecture Services, and the Sabbath and Holiday services have been well attended. The musical portion of the Services was greatly enhanced by the chanting of congregational melodies in which the worshippers participated together with the Congregational Singing Group under the personal leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda. The sermons on Friday evening, on Sabbath and on the holidays, were delivered by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Saltzman, and occasionally by Rabbi Lewittes.

Educational Activities

I. The Hebrew Department includes:

a. The Hebrew School where the students attend three two-hour sessions every week. The registration during the year was 360 boys and girls.

b. The Religious School and High School Department attended by 245 children meets once or twice weekly.

c. The Center Academy is a progressive day school with an integrated program in Hebrew and Secular subjects. This year's enrollment was 134 children.

It is noteworthy that all told there are 739 children attending the schools sponsored by our institution. These schools, as you might suspect, are not financially self-sustaining and are receiving their support from the general income of the Center.

II. The registration in the Center Institute of Jewish Studies was 185. Courses are given by expert instructors in Jewish History, Religion, Bible, Talmud and Hebrew.

III. The Forum is now being conducted once a month during the season. The committee is experimenting with this new schedule in the hope that it will be more in keeping with present conditions. The results thus far have been most encouraging.

IV. Our Library is performing useful service to our schools and to the community. It is continually growing in the number of books available to readers even though it is suffering from crowded conditions. The number of books in Hebrew, English and Yiddish now stored in our Library exceeds ten thousand.

V. The Center publications include the *Brooklyn Jewish Center Review*, the weekly *Bulletin*, and the *Center Diary*. The *Review*, which is a monthly publication containing articles, fiction, and poems of Jewish interest, has achieved a national reputation because of its interesting contents and consistently high standards. It is received not only by the members of the Center but by a selected list of prominent communal leaders throughout the United States and is considered by many as one of the finest Anglo-Jewish publications in the country. The *Review* is of special value in that it helps to acquaint Jewish communities with the Center's program and activities.

Social Activities

In addition to the monthly Social Membership Meetings that are unusually well

attended, the Social Committee sponsors the Brooklyn Jewish Center Choral Ensemble consisting of about 70 male and female voices under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda. The Choral Ensemble, together with the Congregational Singing Group, have rendered valuable services to the Center by participating several times during the season at the Late Friday Evening Lecture Services.

Physical Training Department

The activities of the Physical Training Department have attracted a large number of young and older members, both men and women. The attendance during the past year was 37,696.

Auxiliary Groups

a. *Sisterhood*: At the last Annual Meeting of the Sisterhood, Mrs. Frank Schaeffer was elected President of the organization succeeding Mrs. Morton Klinghoffer. The new administration is continuing the active and energetic program to which our women are accustomed. The Sisterhood is doing a splendid job in interesting the newly elected members in the work of the Center and in acquainting them with the aims and purposes of the institution.

b. *Young Folks League*: Our unmarried members are automatically members of the Young Folks League. This group has embarked on a most ambitious program of activities. Their weekly meetings throughout the season have been very well attended. The special interest groups, too, have attracted many members to its meetings.

c. *Young Married Group*, recently organized, is meeting a long felt need. Their meetings which are interesting and instructive are attended by a considerable number of our younger married members.

Capital Improvements

For years we have been faced with the need of air conditioning the Center building. This improvement can no longer be regarded as a luxury but as a necessity in order to provide those who attend services, meetings, and functions with the comfort to which they are justly entitled. The committee in charge of air conditioning is headed by Dr. Moses Spatt. The task of preparing the plans and specifications for this installation is a formidable one and the committee had to devote a great deal of time and attention to this assignment. We are looking forward to completion of the air conditioning by this

summer. The installation will include the Auditorium, Synagogue, Dining Room, Lounge Room, Prayer Room and Social Rooms.

Another matter that has received serious consideration is the replacement of the 19 stained glass windows. The condition of these windows is such that they must be reinforced temporarily, or completely replaced with new wood or metal frames. Estimates are now being obtained, and we hope to award the contract within the next few weeks.

You can readily understand that the cost of these two major improvements cannot be defrayed from our regular income, especially when we are faced with an unbalanced budget. We will have to deplete our reserve fund to meet these costs, and it is good that we had the forethought to establish this reserve for just such contingencies.

Community Activities

I have always advocated that the Brooklyn Jewish Center should take a greater interest in matters of general welfare outside of its own necessarily limited sphere of activities. As a consequence of this policy we have encouraged our members to participate actively in various campaigns to raise funds for Jewish and other causes.

The United Jewish Appeal has received this year more than a million and a quarter dollars from about 1,500 Center contributors. The campaign for the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies is still in force and as of now, the reports show that approximately 1,000 Center members have contributed half a million dollars. The Israeli Bond Campaign got under way in the month of May, and in addition to investing \$10,000 from its own treasury in Bonds for Israel, the Center has organized a committee, headed by Mr. Max Herzfeld, to promote the sale of these bonds. The campaign was started with a successful Testimonial Dinner given in honor of Dr. James G. McDonald, first U. S. Ambassador to Israel. To date, the Brooklyn Jewish Center, in cooperation with the Eastern Parkway Zionist District, has sold about \$750,000 worth of bonds. The annual dinner for the Jewish Theological Seminary was held recently in honor of our Treasurer, Mr. Frank Schaeffer. The results are incom-

plete, but it has been estimated that it will exceed what has ever been raised by the Center for this institution.

Thanks

The presentation of my Annual Report affords me the opportunity of expressing my thanks and yours to those who have been helpful in the daily running of our beloved institution. My first thanks to my fellow-officers, members of my "inner cabinet," for their kind advice and sincere cooperation. They are: Dr. Moses Spatt, 1st Vice-President; Maurice Bernhardt, 2nd Vice-President; Frank Schaeffer, Treasurer, and Harry Blickstein, Secretary. I am grateful to the members of the Board of Trustees, the Governing Board, the Chairmen and members of committees, the officers and board members of the Sisterhood, the Young Married Group and the Young Folks League for their help in guiding the activities of the Center throughout the year.

We are sincerely thankful to our spiritual leader, Dr. Israel H. Levinthal, for his masterful sermons and for his ever ready willingness to give us the benefit of his wise counsel and advice.

Our thanks are extended to Rabbi Manuel Saltzman for all the cooperation he has given to Rabbi Levinthal and for the splendid progress made by the departments under his direct supervision. He has recently accepted the call to become the Rabbi of Congregation Anshe Chesed in New York. We are sorry to see him go and he has our best wishes for success and happiness in his new pulpit. During the almost five years of affiliation with the Brooklyn Jewish Center he has made many friends, all of whom will miss him. He has been of tremendous help to our institution, and we shall always be grateful to him.

To Rabbi Mordecai Lewittes, our Associate Rabbi in charge of the Hebrew Departments, I extend thanks for the most efficient supervision he has given to our schools and the Junior Congregation. In addition to his educational duties he has been most helpful in preaching on Friday nights, during the High Holy Days and on other occasions.

My usual thanks are extended to our Administrative Director, Mr. Joseph Goldberg. We have become accustomed

to rely on his devotion and loyalty and his ever readiness to be of service to the Center and to promote its best interests and the causes which the Center sponsors.

I am deeply grateful for the fine cooperation the Center has received from Dr. Elias N. Rabinowitz, our librarian; Rev. William Sauler, our Cantor; Mr. Sholom Secunda, our Music Director; Rev. Meyer Rogoff, the Sexton of the Center; Mr. Harold Hammer, our newly appointed Administrative Assistant; Mrs. Louis N. Lesser, the principal of the Center Academy; Mrs. Irene Bush Steinboch, the head of the Academy Hebrew Department, and the faculties of our schools and all the members of the staff.

Conclusion

I want to conclude with a word of thanks for the confidence expressed by the members of the Brooklyn Jewish Center in the leadership of the institution and for their past support. This gratitude however is coupled with an appeal for continued help in our work. I urge upon you, as strongly as I can, to help us enroll new members during the coming year. It is true that many residents of our community are moving to other sections of the city. But their places are taken by new residents who should be asked to join our membership. They, as well as older residents, are waiting for someone to speak to them about the Brooklyn Jewish Center and to suggest their joining. Time and time again we hear, "no one has asked me to become a member." It is up to you, the members of the Center, to do this missionary work. You will do your neighbors a real service by making it possible for them, their wives and their children, to enjoy the privileges of membership, and at the same time you will help your institution to swell its ranks.

Lastly, I again want to urge those of you who can make an additional contribution to please change your regular membership to that of a Sustaining Member. We have always prided ourselves on the spirit of generosity prevailing among our members, as evidenced by the large amounts raised for various causes. Now that our own institution is in need of help, I am confident that you will not fail it.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS FOR 1951

FRIDAY NIGHT LECTURES AND SERVICES

"The Greatness and the Uniqueness of Solomon Schechter"—Rabbi Levinthal—Jan. 5th.

"Is Peace of Mind Possible in These Critical Times?"—Rabbi Saltzman—Jan. 12th.

"The American Jew in Search of a Way of Life"—Rabbi Lewittes—Jan. 19th.

"A Tribute to a Great and Noble Christian Who Rectified a Wrong of Two Thousand Years"—Rabbi Levinthal—Musical program at services by Center Choral Group commemorating Jewish Music Month—Cantor Sauler, Soloist—Sholom Secunda, Leader—Jan. 26th.

"Jewish Musicians and Musicians of Jewish Origin"—Rabbi Saltzman—Feb. 2nd.

"Twenty Years of Hebrew in the Public High Schools"—Rabbi Edward Horowitz of the Hebrew Department of Thomas Jefferson High School—Feb. 9th.

"Can We Legislate Human Brotherhood"—Rabbi Saltzman—Feb. 16th.

"The Mid-Century in Jewish Life—A Review and Some Predictions"—Rabbi Abraham P. Bloch—Feb. 23rd.

"How Does Conservative Judaism Answer the Needs of Our Young People?"—Rabbi Saltzman—Mar. 2nd.

"The Jubilee of the Trees"—Rabbi Lewittes—Mar. 9th.

"Jews Because of Haman and Jews Because of Conviction"—Rabbi Levinthal—Mar. 16th.

"Opportunities and Responsibilities of American Jewish Womanhood"—Sisterhood Service—Participants: The Mesdames M. Robert Epstein, Joseph Richman, Frank Schaeffer, Morton Klinghoffer, Irving S. Horowitz, Isador Lowenfeld, Carl A. Kahn, Louis J. Roth—Cantor William Sauler officiated—Oneg Shabbat followed—Mar. 23rd.

"The Hebrew Language—The Secret of a People's Unity and Survival"—Mar. 30th.

Concluding Friday Night Service—Dedicated to the Post-Bar Mitzvah Fellowship—Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Saltzman, speakers—Musical program by Center Choral Ensemble under the direction of Sholom Secunda—Cantor Sauler, Soloist—Apr. 6th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL RECREATIONAL SOCIAL

"Our American Morality"—Rabbi Levinthal—Musical program presented by Center Choral Ensemble under leadership of Sholom Secunda—Nov. 2nd.

"To Be Or Not To Be Different"—Rabbi Saltzman—Nov. 9th.

"My Medical Mission to Israel"—Dr. Benjamin Koven and "A Student of History Looks at Israel"—Mr. Harry A. Harrison—Nov. 16th.

"Is America Home or Exile—A Revaluation of the American Zionist Platform"—Rabbi Saltzman—Nov. 23rd.

"The Revitalizing of the Sabbath"—Rabbi Levinthal—Nov. 30th.

"The Book—The Secret of Our People's Survival"—in honor of Jewish Book Month—Rabbi Saltzman—Dec. 7th.

"The Story of Peretz"—A Notable Anniversary—Rabbi Lewittes—Dec. 14th.

"Is Rededication Sufficient?"—a pre-Chanukah sermon—Musical program by the Center Choral Ensemble under leadership of Sholom Secunda—Cantor Sauler, Soloist—Dec. 21st.

Annual College Student Service—Participants: Hannah Weidman on "Youth and Religion"; Al Levy on "The Synagogue and Jewish Youth"; Herbert Kummel on "Jewish Arts in the Land of Israel"—Dec. 28th.

HOLIDAY SERVICES

Purim Services—Reading of the Megillah—Mar. 21st and 22nd.

First Days of Passover—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Saltzman—Apr. 21st and 22nd.

Concluding Days of Passover—Sermons by Rabbi Levinthal and Rabbi Saltzman—Apr. 27th and 28th.

Special Baccalaureate Service for Center Graduates—Sermon by Rabbi Lewittes—June 9th.

Shevuoth Services followed by Consecration Services—June 10th.

Shevuoth Services—Second Day—Cantor Sauler officiated assisted by the Center Choir under the leadership of Sholom Secunda on both days—June 11th.

Tisha B'ab Services—Aug. 11th and 12th.

Slicoth Services—Cantor Sauler assisted by Center Choir under leadership of Sholom Secunda—Sept. 22nd.

Rosh Hashonah Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 1st.

Second Day of Rosh Hashonah—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman—Oct. 2nd.

Rosh Hashonah Services in Auditorium—Rev. Max Hoeflich officiated—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman, 1st Day—Rabbi Lewittes, 2nd Day.

Kol Nidre Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 9th.

Kol Nidre Services in Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman.

Yom Kippur Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 10th.

Yom Kippur Services in Auditorium—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman.

Junior Congregation Services during the High Holy Days under leadership of Rabbi Lewittes and Naftali Frankel.

Children's Congregation Services during the High Holy Days under leadership of Mrs. Evelyn Zusan.

Succoth Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Oct. 15th.

Second Day of Succoth—Sermon by Rabbi Saltzman—Oct. 16th—Cantor Sauler assisted by Center Choir under leadership of Sholom Secunda officiated on both days.

Concluding Succoth Services—Sermon by Rabbi Levinthal—Cantor Sauler, assisted by the Center Choir under leadership of Sholom Secunda officiated on both days—Oct. 21st and 22nd.

MONDAY NIGHT FORUMS

"The Gentleman and the Jew"—Maurence Samuel—Feb. 5th.

"What Has Religion to Offer for our Peace of Mind"—Henry Raphael Gold—Feb. 19th.

"Storm Clouds Over the Capitol"—Congressman Emanuel Celler—Mar. 5th.

"The World Today"—Gen. Carlos P. Romulo—Mar. 19th.

"The Position of Israel in the Near East"—Hon. James G. McDonald—Nov. 19th.

ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS

"Is There a Need for Psychiatry for the Average Person?"—Dr. Henry V. Agin, Dr. Charles Brimberg, Dr. J. Sanford Davis, Dr. Jules Nelson—Jan. 15th.

"Should Gambling Be Legalized?"—

Affirmative: Jacob D. Fuchsberg; Negative: Max Herzfeld—Harry Cooper, Moderator—Dec. 17th.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Annual Meeting—Election and Installation of Officers — Vocal selection by Lawrence Davidson—Jan. 25th.

Membership Social — "Country Fair Nite" — Square Dancing and Games — Feb. 25th.

Membership Social—Purim Celebration program by Zvee Scooler, Humorist; Belle Didjah, Dance Mime; Tony Bari, Singer —Mar. 21st.

Dinner in behalf of the United Jewish Appeal — Dr. Joseph Schwartz, Former European Head of the Joint Distribution Committee and Executive Director of the U.J.A., Guest Speaker—Apr. 12th.

Passover Sedorim—Apr. 20th and 21st. Membership Social—Minnie Berns, Israeli Singer — J. Malcolm Ross, Master Mentalist—Apr. 25th.

Participation in gala Brooklyn-Wide outdoor celebration in honor of Israeli Independence Day at Music Grove in Prospect Park sponsored by the Brooklyn Jewish Community Council—Vocal selections by the Brooklyn Jewish Center Choral Ensemble, under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda—May 6th.

Program in celebration of Israel Independence Day together with the Eastern Parkway Zionist District and Young Folks League at the Center—May 8th.

Reception to Center Choral Ensemble —Dr. Levinthal, Speaker—Musical program directed by Sholom Secunda—June 14th.

Participation in third annual concert "Music Under the Stars" at Ebbets Field in behalf of the American Fund for Israel Institutions—June 16th.

Dinner in behalf of Israel Bond Drive — Hon. James G. McDonald, Guest Speaker—Mr. Max Herzfeld, Chairman—Sept. 26th.

Membership Social — Frank Guarrera, leading baritone of Metropolitan Opera—Doris Siegel, Concert and Radio Artist—Sholom Secunda, Accompanist — Oct. 17th.

Annual Dinner in behalf of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies—Nov. 15th.

Membership Social — Wyman and White, Singing Stars of Radio and Television—G. Ray Tyrell, Debonair Deceptionist—Nov. 21st.

Thanksgiving Dinner—Nov. 22nd.

Membership Social — Chanukah program prepared by Sholom Secunda—Cantor William Sauler—Eleanor Stone, International Folksinger and Guitarist—Dec. 26th.

SISTERHOOD ACTIVITIES

Jan. 17th — Participation in Annual Convention of Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations at Hotel Astor.

Jan. 18th — Participation in All-Brooklyn "Torah Brunch" and program meeting at Temple Beth-El, Manhattan Beach.

Jan. 24th — Participation in Brooklyn Day—Federation of Jewish Philanthropies —Hotel St. George.

Jan. 29th—"Annual Institute Day"—Symposium on "Jewish Influence on World Culture"—Speakers: Mr. Bernard Jaffe, Mr. Leo Schwartz, Mr. Sholom Secunda, Temima Gezari — Rabbi Saltzman, Moderator — Greetings by Rabbi Levinthal.

Feb. 8th—Meeting of Cabinet Leaders of Sisterhood United Jewish Appeal Drive —Dessert Luncheon.

Feb. 19th — Participation in United Jewish Appeal Opening Rally at Hotel Astor—Luncheon followed Rally.

Feb. 21st—Tour of Jewish Theological Seminary and Jewish Museum conducted by Sisterhood.

Feb. 26th — Meeting — "Jewish Music Month" program—Dramatization of "My Brother's Brother" by Sisterhood Players directed by Lila Leonard, with Cantor Sauler and Sholom Secunda participating — Musical program by Aviva Choral Ensemble.

Mar. 14th — Annual Torah Fund Luncheon—Dr. Simon Greenberg, Guest Speaker—Mascha Benya, Soprano.

Mar. 15th—First lecture in series "Marriage and the Family" by Dr. Evelyn Garfil.

Mar. 22nd — Second lecture in series "Marriage and the Family" by Dr. Evelyn Garfil.

Mar. 26th—Meeting—"Jewish Home Beautiful" pageant with dramatization and choral arrangements by Sholom Secunda—Cantor Sauler and Center Choral Group—Miss Doris Siegel, Soprano—Consecration Class Dance Group.

Mar. 29th—Third and final lecture in series "Marriage and the Family" by Dr. Evelyn Garfil.

Apr. 4th—Participation in United Jewish Appeal—Luncheon at Hotel Pierre.

Apr. 30th — Second Annual "Jewish Women of Achievement" program—Participants: Mrs. Lionel Golub, National President, Mizrahi Women's Organizations of America — Judge Justine Wise Polier, National President, Women's Division, American Jewish Congress — Mrs. Emanuel Siner, National President, Women's League of United Synagogue—Greetings by Rabbi Levinthal — Musical program by Cantor Sauler, Frances Sanford, under the direction of Sholom Secunda.

May 3rd—Participation in United Jewish Appeal Affair at Hotel Plaza—Ruth Gruber, Guest Speaker.

May 7th — Participation in All-Day Spring Conference for Metropolitan Women's League — Temple Anshe Chesed.

May 9th—Participation in "Jewish Day for the Blind" at Hotel St. George.

May 15th — Meeting — Special "Mother's Day" celebration — Musical program by Betty Hechtman, Mezzo-Soprano; Moshe Amitai, celebrated Cellist with the Israel Symphony Orchestra—showing of technicolor film on the social, economic, religious and historic background of Israel.

May 17th — Participation in Closing Luncheon of Brooklyn Division, Women's League of the United Synagogue, at the Biltmore.

May 24th — Testimonial Reception to Mrs. Morton Klinghoffer on her retirement as President of the Sisterhood — Musical program by Beverly Somach, Noted Violinist — Norman Atkins, Baritone—Mrs. Emanuel Siner, National President, Women's League of the United Synagogue, Guest Speaker.

May 28th — Participation in final United Jewish Appeal function at the home of Mrs. Isaac Levingson.

June 3rd—Participation in Jewish Theological Seminary Commencement Exercises—Honor Certificate accepted by Mrs. Morton Klinghoffer for Sisterhood for meritorious contributions to their Torah Fund.

June 4th—Installation of Officers and closing meeting—Annual Report by Mrs. Morton Klinghoffer, Retiring President—Acceptance by newly elected President, Mrs. Frank Schaeffer—Installing Officer, Mr. Harry Blickstein, Secretary of the Center — Musical program by Norman Atkins, Baritone, accompanied by Susan

Wanke — Mrs. M. Robert Epstein, Chairman.

June 6th—Closing meeting and luncheon of Sisterhood Executive Board.

Sept. 24th—Opening meeting of season — Special holiday program — Dr. Lena Levine, Psychiatrist, Speaker — "What Makes A Successful Marriage"—Mrs. M. Robert Epstein, Chairman.

Oct. 18th—Participation in Women's League Succoth Party at Jewish Theological Seminary.

Oct. 24th—Meeting — Celebration of sixtieth anniversary of the United Nations — Speaker, Mme. Hilda Yatsing Yen — "Our Best Hope for Peace Is U.N. Plus You"—Musical program—Miss Charney Shapiro, Star of Radio and Concert Stage.

Oct. 29th—Participation in Social Actions Conference at Jewish Theological Seminary.

Oct. 31st — Annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon—Fashion Show by Martin's.

Nov. 7th—Participation in Torah Conference of National Women's League and Luncheon at B'nai Jeshurun Synagogue.

Nov. 19th—Participation in "Night of Stars" program at Madison Square Garden.

Nov. 20th—Participation in Luncheon on behalf of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies at the home of Mrs. Julius Leventhal.

Nov. 28th—Annual Institute Day—Theme: "Jewish Contribution to World Culture — The Arts" — Speakers: Mrs. Helen Levinthal Lyons; Mrs. Judith Eisenstein; Mme. Katya Delakova; Rabbi Arthur Rosenbaum.

Dec. 9th — Participation in Brooklyn Jewish Community Council Annual Convention at the Towers Hotel.

Dec. 10th — Participation in Eastern Parkway Group Brooklyn Jewish Community Council Celebration of Jewish Book Month—Mrs. Morton Klinghoffer, Chairman.

Dec. 17th — Participation in Annual Chanukah Luncheon of Women's League of United Synagogue at Hotel Commodore.

Dec. 19th—Meeting—Chanukah Festival Display Table presented and narrated by Mrs. Esther Saltzman and Mrs. Edythe Sauler — Musical selections by Cantor Sauler — Presentation of play "Tevya's Daughters" by Sholom Aleichem performed by Sisterhood Players.

YOUNG MARRIED GROUP

Jan. 11th—Meeting—Color slides of a "Trip to Israel" shown by Elliot Eichler — Myron B. Gubitz, Accordionist and Vocalist—Community Singing.

Feb. 14th—A six-panel discussion titled "Everybody's Business" — Participants: Rabbi Saltzman, Alvin Jeffer, Irvin Rubin, Herbert Carr, Dr. Melvin Luxenberg, Martin Perry—Social Hour.

Mar. 14th—Purim Social—Appropriate refreshments served.

Apr. 10th — Meeting — Discussion of "Private vs. Public School Education" — Speakers: Hon. William I. Siegel, Rabbi Murray Penkower.

Apr. 28th—Third Annual Affair—Entertainment and Dance—Music by Marvin Blickstein Orchestra.

May 9th—Business meeting—Slate of Officers and Executive Board presented by Nominating Committee for 1951-52 season—Games and Social Hour.

May 23rd — Meeting — Discussion on "Jewish Customs Regarding Childbirth" by Rabbi Grossman of the United Synagogue of America—Social Hour.

June 27th — Closing meeting and Installation of Officers—Barn Dance with Bob Harter, Caller.

Sept. 29th — Cocktail Party Get-Together and Dance—Demonstrations of Mambo, Tango, Rhumba and Samba by Dance Team from the Arthur Murray Studios—Dance Contest with membership participation.

Nov. 29th—Meeting—Panel discussion led by Rabbi Saltzman on "Your Child Faces A Gentle World"—Social Hour.

Dec. 27th — Chanukah Program and Party—Evening of Israeli dancing.

The following Interest Groups were formed this year in the Young Married Group: For the women—Home-Making; Mah Jongg and Card Party—For the men — Bowling.

YOUNG FOLKS LEAGUE

Jan. 16th—Annual Affair in behalf of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Jan. 22nd—Hosts to New York Council of Young People's League upon their presentation of a performance of "Queen Sabbath"—Social Hour.

Jan. 30th—"March of Dimes" program — Speaker: Alvin C. W. Bahnsen, Professor at L. I. U., on "Roosevelt in Retrospect—Success or Failure?"—Social Hour.

Feb. 6th—First lecture on series "Judaism As a Way of Life"—Rabbi David

Panitcz on "Judaism—An Answer to Modern Day Paganism."

Feb. 13th—Musical program in celebration of "Jewish Music Month"—Center Choral Group under leadership of Sholom Secunda—Cantor Sauler, Soloist—Showing of films "Americans All," "Boundary Lines," "Brotherhood of Man."

Feb. 20th—Film and lecture on the topic of Social Diseases by a representative of the New York Department of Health—Social Hour.

Feb. 27th—"Brotherhood Week" program—Speakers: Catholic representative, CDR. Joseph C. Canty, U. S. Navy Military Sea Transport Service; Protestant representative, CDR. Sidney H. Shears, CHC. U. S. Navy, Navy Receiving Station; Jewish representative, Lt. Col. Aryeh Lev, ORC.

Mar. 4th — Basketball Game — Young Folks League vs. Junior League—Benefit of United Jewish Appeal.

Mar. 6th — Second lecture of series "Judaism As a Way of Life" — Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes on "Is Prayer Necessary?"

Mar. 13th—Discussion of the "Problem of Juvenile Delinquency" led by Capt. Schwartzberg and Patrolman Berkowitz of the Police Department.

Mar. 20th—Purim Celebration—Cantor Sauler — Center Choral Ensemble under leadership of Sholom Secunda.

Mar. 27th — Third lecture on series "Judaism As a Way of Life"—Dr. Sidney Tedesche on "Is Judaism In Conflict with Science."

Apr. 3rd — Annual U.J.A. Event — Cocktail Party and Entertainment — Guest Speaker: Hon. William I. Siegel.

Apr. 10th — Current Events Group program—Mr. Edmond Fitzgerald, Chief Probation Officer, Guest Speaker—"The Penal and Probation System in Israel"—Social Hour.

Apr. 12th - 15th — Participation in Young People's League Convention at Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake, N. Y.

Apr. 17th—"Model Seder" with all traditional aspects—Social Hour.

Apr. 24th — Fourth lecture of series "Judaism As a Way of Life" — Rabbi Saltzman on "Judaism and Peace of Mind."

Apr. 28th—Annual Spring Cotillion—Entertainment—Music by Marvin Blickstein Orchestra.

May 1st—Election of Officers and Ex-

ecutive Board—Social Hour.

May 6th—All Day Picnic at Hempstead State Park.

May 8th—Meeting—Variety Show presented by Herb Levine, Dramatic Director of the Y.F.L.—Social Hour.

May 10th—Presentation of "Here We Are" by Young Folks League Dramatic Group staged by Herb Levine, Dramatic Director.

May 15th—Installation of Officers and Executive Board, combined with celebration of Israel Independence Day—Dr. Levinthal, Installing Officer.

May 22nd—Final lecture on series "Judaism As a Way of Life"—Rabbi Max Schenck on "Sex Laws and Customs in Judaism."

May 29th—Square Dance—Professional Caller—Costumes and Prizes.

June 12th—Beginning of "Roof Meetings" held every other Tuesday during summer season.

June 17th—All-Day Picnic.

Sept. 12th—Season's Opening meeting—Square Dance.

Sept. 14th—16th — Participation in United Jewish Appeal Youth week-end at So. Fallsburg, N. Y.

Sept. 21st—23rd — Participation in Young People's League Annual week-end at So. Fallsburg, N. Y.

Sept. 18th — Current Events Group program—Round Table Discussion on the United Nations—Representative speakers from France, Sweden, India and Australia.

Sept. 24th—First organization meeting of season—Introduction of chairmen of committees—Social Hour.

Oct. 2nd—Social meeting.

Oct. 6th—Sabbath services conducted by the Y.F.L. — Participants: Morris Hecht, Irvin Rubin, Martin Segal, Harold Kalb, Seymour Barer, Milton Reiner, Rhoda Soicher—Kiddush followed.

Oct. 10th—Annual "Yom Kippur" Nite Frolic.

Oct. 16th—Meeting—"Voice of America" program with recordings and films showing graphically how our State Department analyzes and combats Russian propaganda behind the Iron Curtain—Social Hour.

Oct. 23rd—Appropriate musical program in celebration of Succoth holiday under direction of Sholom Secunda.

Oct. 30th — Meeting — Program arranged by Current Events Group—Guest Speaker—Dr. Clarence Bellinger, Sr. Di-

rector of Brooklyn State Hospital, on "Personality Requirements for a Successful Marriage."

Nov. 6th — Election Night Social — Novelty Nite and Games.

Nov. 13th—Civil Defense program—Guest Speaker, Col. Arthur Levitt, Borough Director of Civil Defense—Showing of film "Plan for Survival"—Program arranged by Mr. Morris K. Siegel, Assistant U. S. Attorney.

Nov. 20th — Meeting — Educational program — Guest Speaker, Mr. Irving White, Research Assistant of the "Eternal Light" program describing the planning of these programs.

Nov. 27th—Meeting—Celebration of "Jewish Book Month" — Discussion of "Great Names in Jewish History" by Rabbi Abraham Feldman—Book Exhibit.

Dec. 4th—Annual Affair in behalf of Federation of Jewish Philanthropies—Ned Harvey's Orchestral Ensemble — Dance Exhibition by MacLevy's professional dancers.

Dec. 11th—First lecture of series "Hebrew Culture" lessons — Guest Speaker, Rabbi Philip Schnairson on "The Teachings of Hillel and Christianity."

Dec. 18th — Chanukah musical program arranged by Sholom Secunda—Cantor Sauler and Center Choral Group.

Dec. 27th—Meeting—Guest Speakers, Congressman John J. Rooney, member of the "Voice of America" staff, and others —Acceptance of a gift given from the Y.F.L. to help further the work of this organization.

The following Interest Groups were formed in the Y.F.L. during this season: Baseball, Bowling, Folk Dance, Current Events, Horseback Riding, Ice Skating, Music, Oneg Shabbat, under direction of Mr. Naftali Frankel.

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

Jan. 4th — Junior League meeting — David Gold, former President of the Y.F.L., spoke on "A New Year's Resolution for a Troubled World"—Social Hour.

Jan. 6th — Conference — Junior Club Leaders — Rabbi Saltzman presiding — Planning of season's club programs.

Jan. 11th — Junior League meeting — Program commemorating "Brotherhood Week"—Guest Speaker, Mr. Nathan Burnett, Secretary of the "Urban League," on "A Backward Look at 1950—Has the

Cause of Brotherhood Gone Forward?"—Social Hour.

Jan. 18th — Junior League meeting — "Charlie Chaplin" film night — Social Hour.

Jan. 20th—Joint Junior Clubs—Celebration of Jewish Arbor Day—Discussion of the Significance of the Holiday—Social Hour.

Jan. 20th—The Vivalets—Hostesses at a holiday party to which the Shomrim Boys Club were invited.

Jan. 27th—Junior Clubs—Joint meeting — Rochelle Frankel, Chief Scout of Palestine, addressed the group on the activities of the Scouts in Israel.

Jan. 25th—Junior League meeting—Speaker, Rabbi Saltzman on "How Does Judaism Serve the Needs of Young Jews Today?"—Social Hour.

Feb. 1st — Junior League meeting — Post-examination social.

Feb. 3rd—Junior Clubs—Joint meeting — Youth Aliyah film "House in the Desert" shown commemorating Henrietta Szold's birthday.

Feb. 8th — Junior League meeting — Program commemorating Jewish Music Month—Speaker, Mr. Irving Heller on "The Development of Jewish Music Through the Ages"—Social Hour.

Feb. 10th — Inta-League meeting — Showing of slides of a "Tour Through Israel" taken by Elliott Eichler.

Feb. 11th—Junior Clubs—Joint meeting — Discussion of "Achievements Recently Made in the State of Israel."

Feb. 15th — Junior League meeting — "Brotherhood Week" program — Panel Discussion in "What Can I Do About Brotherhood" together with the membership of the Dorchester Fellowship, an Interfaith Group—Social Hour.

Feb. 17th—Inta-League Social.

Feb. 24th—Junior Clubs—Joint meeting—Discussion of "Brotherhood Week" and the significance of the "Interfaith Movement"—Social Hour.

Mar. 1st — Junior League meeting — Monthly social.

Mar. 3rd — Inta-League Amateur Night.

Mar. 8th — Junior League meeting — Discussion on "Control of Social Diseases" by a representative from the Board of Health.

Mar. 15th—Junior League meeting—Guest Speaker, Melvin D. Freeman on

"B'nai Brith and Federation Employment Services"—Social Hour.

Mar. 22nd—Junior League meeting—Purim celebration—Dance in behalf of U.J.A.

Mar. 24th—Junior Clubs—Joint meeting—Purim Carnival consisting of Booths, Games and Dances.

Mar. 29th—Junior League meeting—Entertainment and Dance in behalf of U.J.A.

Apr. 5th—Junior League meeting—Discussion of "You and the Armed Forces" by Mr. Mel Freeman, Vocational Consultant for B'nai Brith and Federation Employment Service.

Apr. 7th—Junior Clubs—Joint meeting—Review of season's activities and planning for future meetings.

Apr. 12th—Junior League meeting—Square Dance with Gene Ezersky, Caller.

Apr. 14th—Candlelites and Vivaldes—"Third Seder"—Joint clubs invited.

Apr. 19th—Junior League meeting—"Third Seder" in honor of the Passover holiday.

Apr. 26th—Junior League meeting—Informal holiday social.

May 3rd—Junior League meeting—"Battle of the Sexes" program—Social Hour.

May 10th—Junior League meeting—Discussion on "The Meaning of the Young People's League" by Irvin Rubin, Former National President of the Y.P.L.

May 17th—Junior League meeting—Rabbi Saltzman, Speaker, on "How the Talmud and Freud Look at Sex Problems"—Social Hour.

May 24th—Junior League Business meeting—Final plans formulated for the Annual Spring Formal.

May 29th—Junior League—Annual Spring Formal—Dance and Entertainment.

June 7th—Junior League—Beginning of weekly roof meetings held every Thursday during the month of June.

Sept. 6th—Junior League Opening Social.

Sept. 13th—Junior League—Installation of Officers—Social Hour.

Sept. 20th—Junior League meeting—Games and Charades directed by Rita Goldberg—Social Hour.

Sept. 27th—Junior League meeting—Discussion on "How Can We Make the Jewish Holy Days More Meaningful to Young American Jews?" led by David

Yawitz—Social Hour.

Oct. 4th—Junior League—Monthly Social—Square Dance.

Oct. 13th—Junior League—Monthly Open Meeting—Social Hour.

Oct. 18th—Junior League meeting—"Talent Show" Night with Junior League members participating—Rita Goldberg, Chairman—Social Hour.

Oct. 20th—Assembly of Junior Clubs—Joint meeting—Showing of movie films.

Oct. 25th—Junior League meeting—Discussion on "Is Fascism Regaining Influence in Europe?" led by a representative of a leading Jewish organization.

Nov. 17th—Junior Inta-League and Inta-League—Address by Representative of United Synagogue Youth Commission.

Nov. 1st—Junior League—Monthly Open Meeting—Social Hour.

Nov. 8th—Junior League meeting—Panel discussion on "What Did the Election Results Signify?"—Social Hour.

Nov. 15th—Junior League meeting—Champagne Hour Dance program.

Nov. 22nd—Junior League—Annual Thanksgiving Social.

Nov. 23rd—Junior Clubs—Joint meeting—Jewish Book Month program.

Nov. 29th—Junior League—Celebration of Jewish Book Month—Program: "A Night of Jewish Humor."

Dec. 6th—Junior League—Monthly Open Meeting.

Dec. 9th—Junior Inta-League and Inta-League Brunch given by the United Synagogue Youth.

Dec. 13th—Junior League meeting—Discussion on "Sex Views and Taboos by a visiting Psychiatrist—Social Hour.

Dec. 15th—Junior Inta-League and Inta-League—Square Dance.

Dec. 20th—Junior League—Chanukah musical program led by Junior League members.

Dec. 24th—Junior Clubs—Participation in United Synagogue Youth Convention.

Dec. 27th—Junior League—Final meeting for year 1951—Discussion of the year's activities in retrospect—Social Hour and Chanukah program.

Dec. 29th—Junior Clubs—Joint program commemorating Jewish Book Month—Contest of posters—Prizes awarded to winners at the Chanukah celebration.

PHYSICAL TRAINING COMMITTEE Basketball Games

B.I.C. vs. Union Temple—Jan. 7th.

B.J.C. vs. Forest Hills Jewish Center—Jan. 14th.

B.J.C. vs. Bensonhurst Jewish Community House—Jan. 21st.

B.J.C. vs. 92nd Street Y.M.H.A.—Feb. 4th.

B.J.C. vs. Rego Park Jewish Center—Feb. 11th.

STAMP EXHIBIT

Exhibit of Israeli Stamps in Center building arranged by Jewish Agency for Palestine—Feb. 4th.

ART EXHIBIT

Exhibit of paintings by Rabbi Abraham Shapira of Jerusalem, Head of Yeshiva Hasholom V'Hha'achduth.

FIRST AID COURSE

Course in First Aid arranged under the auspices of the Red Cross, given by Dr. Henry Desatnek—Nine two-hour sessions beginning March 1st.

HEBREW AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Jan. 14th-15th—Mid-term tests.

Jan. 22nd—Tu B'shvat—Distribution of Fruits.

Jan. 24th—Parent Teachers Association "Meet the Faculty"—Award of Israel H. Levinthal Citation to 6 Members of the Faculty Who Had Completed 18 Years of Service in Jewish Education.

Jan. 28th—High School Service and Community Breakfast.

Feb. 1st—Beginning of Second Semester.

Mar. 4th—Parent-Child Service and Breakfast.

Mar. 21st—School Megillah Reading.

Mar. 22nd—Purim Parties—Distribution of Hamentashen.

Mar. 25th—Purim Operetta.

Mar. 27th—Parent Teachers Association Purim Festival.

Apr. 6th—Award of Post Bar Mitzvah Certificates at Late Friday Night Service.

Apr. 16th—Model Seder.

Apr. 21st-28th—Passover Vacation.

May 6th—Concluding High School Service and Breakfast—Presentation of Holiday Films.

May 9th—Final Parent Teachers Association Meeting.

May 13th—Celebration Israel Independence Day.

May 24th—Lag B'Omer Athletic Events.

May 27th—United Jewish Appeal Film Festival.

June 10th—Consecration Service.

June 13th-14th—End-term Tests.
June 17th — Graduation Exercises —
Cantata "What is Torah?"

June 20th-21st — Promotion — G. O.
Assemblies.

Sept. 6th—Opening of Hebrew School.
Sept. 23rd—Opening of High School
and Sunday School Departments.

Oct. 1st-2nd — Junior Congregation
High Holiday Services under the direction
of Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes and Mr.
Naftali Frankel—Children's Service under
the direction of Mrs. E. Zusman.

Oct. 22nd—Children's Simchat Torah
Procession.

Nov. 4th—Opening High School Service
and Breakfast—Discussion on "Jewish
Life on the College Campus."

Nov. 7th — Opening Parent Teachers
Association Meeting — "Music Through
the Years" presented by Aviva Choral
Group.

Nov. 10th—Sabbath Service Conducted
by Graduation Class.

Dec. 9th — High School Service and
Breakfast—Discussion on "Israel Today."

Dec. 23rd—Chanukah Performance.

HEBREW EDUCATION COMMITTEE

(a) INSTITUTE OF JEWISH STUDIES FOR
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P.M., Mrs. Nellie Cohen, Instructor.

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10:30 to 12 A.M., Mr. Leo Shpall,
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Intermediate Hebrew B: Every Monday,
10:30 to 12 A.M., Mr. Leo Shpall,
Instructor.

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Mr. Leo Shpall, Instructor.

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P.M., Dr. Michael Higger, Instructor.

Philosophy of Jewish Religion: Every
Wednesday morning, 10 to 12 o'clock,
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(b) JUNIOR CONGREGATION.

The children of the Hebrew School
and Center members meet every Saturday
morning and during holidays, in the
Beth Hamidrash. Sermons are delivered
by the members of the Hebrew School
Faculty and guest speakers. High Holy
Day services for the Junior Congregation
are held during Rosh Hashanah and Yom
Kippur.

(c) CHILDREN'S CONGREGATION.

Special services are held each Sabbath
for children below the age of 10. The
Children's Congregation also meets during
the High Holidays. The teacher in
charge is Mrs. Evelyn Zusman.

Hebrew and Religious Schools

1. BETH-SEFER IVRI (HEBREW SCHOOL):

The upper grades meet on Tuesday and
Thursday from 4:00-6:00 P.M. and on
Sunday from 9:40-11:30 A.M. The
lower grades meet on Monday and on
Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 P.M. and on
Sunday from 11:30-1:00 P.M. The curriculum,
which covers six years of work,
includes Hebrew conversation, Chumash,
Siddur, Hebrew literature, Jewish history,
Jewish current events and Hebrew songs.

Boys older than 10 are not admitted
to the beginners' class.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Classes from 1st to 4th grade meet on
Sunday from 10:00-12:00 A.M. Beginning
with the 5th grade, girls attend one
afternoon a week in addition to Sunday
morning.

3. HIGH SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

a.—*Florence Marshall Hebrew High
School.*

Graduates of the Hebrew School and
Center Academy are eligible to join this
school, a branch of which meets three
times weekly in the Brooklyn Jewish
Center. The course covers four years
of intensive work in Tanach, Hebrew
and history.

b.—*Post-Bar Mitzvah Fellowship.*

Students continue their studies for a
two-year period beyond Bar Mitzvah. In
addition to their study of history and
Bible, the students conduct morning
services on Sunday in conjunction with the

Post-Bar Mitzvah breakfasts arranged by
the Parent-Teachers Association. The
last late Friday night service of the year
is devoted to the graduates of this group.
c.—*Consecration Class.*

Graduates of the Hebrew School, Center
Academy or Sunday School are eligible
to join the Consecration class which meets
on Sunday morning. Consecration exercises
are held on the first day of Shavuoth.
d.—*Post-Graduate Class.*

This is a two-year extension course in
Tanach and Hebrew for graduates of the
Hebrew School and Academy. Students
meet for a three-hour session on Sunday
morning.

e.—*Senior Group.*

Upper grade high school students who
have completed a preliminary course may
enroll in this group which meets on Sunday
morning for the study of Jewish
ethics and current problems. This is a
two-year course.

Hebrew School Faculty

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Meets every Saturday afternoon
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speakers.

Class in Talmud

Class in Talmud meets Saturday afternoon
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CENTER ACADEMY ACTIVITIES

Jan. 16th — Assembly — Play: "The
Dawn, Noon and Twilight of Rome" pre-

sented by Grade VI.

Jan. 17th—P.T.A. Meeting — Exhibit of Israeli stamps—Film: "Preface to a Life" — Speaker: Louise G. Campbell, Dept. of Mental Health.

Jan. 22nd—Tu B'Shvat assembly presented by members of the Seventh Grade.

Feb. 9th — Assembly commemorating Lincoln's Birthday—by the Upper Grades.

Feb. 21st—P.T.A. Meeting—Topic of discussion: "Protection from Atomic Warfare"—conducted by two representatives of the 77th Pct. of the Police Dept. —Film on this subject and address by Dr. Cohen.

Feb. 28th—P.T.A. Theater Party held at Brooklyn Homemaking High School—Production: "Call Me Missus."

Mar. 3rd—P.T.A. classroom meeting—Topic: Classroom projects.

Mar. 22nd—Traditional Purim celebration—Reading of the Megillah, costumes, "Kreplach" and "Shalach."

Mar. 26th — Purim entertainment for parents — Colorful pageant presented in which every child in the school actively participated.

Apr. 3rd—P.T.A. Meeting—Adoption of the proposed constitution and by-laws —Book review given by Mrs. Mina Rothberg.

Apr. 11th—P.T.A. Meeting — Lecture by Dr. Max Gold, leading psychiatrist.

Apr. 17th—School Passover Seder conducted by the pupils of the Eighth Grade.

Apr. 27th — Registration opened for School Year 1951-52.

May 6th—Dinner Dance for Parents, Teachers, Students and Friends, held at the B.J.C.

May 7th—Eighth Grade left for five-day trip to Washington, D. C., accompanied by Miss Bush, Head of Hebrew Dept., and Mr. Vandenheke, Eighth Grade teacher.

May 9th—P.T.A. Meeting—Lecture by Dr. Harold Klein, outstanding child psychiatrist.

May 10th—Festive Assembly in commemoration of the Third Anniversary of the State of Israel.

May 23rd—P.T.A. final meeting—Lecture by well known psychiatrist, Dr. Agin —Election and installation of new officers.

May 24th—Lag B'Omer picnic of all grades—a gala fete was arranged by Mr. Barney Ain in Prospect Park — Since weather was inclement, festivities were held in Auditorium of the B.J.C.

June 13th—Graduation — Graduating class presented two original plays, one in English and one in Hebrew.

June 15th—School closes.

Sept. 10th—School opens.

Sept. 20th — First meeting of the P.T.A. — Dr. I. H. Levinthal, guest speaker.

Oct. 17th — Succoth celebration followed by dancing and refreshments in the Succah on the roof.

Oct. 24th—P.T.A. classroom meeting —Election of class delegates.

Nov. 12th—Thanksgiving Day assembly—Musical given by the two Fourth Grades.

Nov. 29th — P.T.A. Meeting — Guest Speaker: Mrs. Ira Eisenstein — Topic: "Music for Jewish Children and Jewish Youth."

Dec. 5th—P.T.A. Barn Dance for students, parents and friends, held at the B.J.C.

Dec. 19th—P.T.A. celebration of Jewish Book Month, conducted by the Senior Class of the Center Academy.

Dec. 21st — Chanukah celebration — Hebrew play presented by the Fifth Grade for parents.

The following is a list of the faculty of the Center Academy: Director—Anna S. Lesser; Head of Hebrew Department—Irene Bush. Mildred Bressler, Barbara Cohen, Lila Cohen, Judith Feder, Hilda Gelber, Kathryn Greenwood, Barbara Harris, Louis Harris, Gloria Krulik, Estelle Kugel, Frieda Prenskey, Davida Prince, Lailla Rotenberg, Leo Shpall, Isabel R. Silver, Meyer Sussman, Evelyn Wexler.

CENTER CLUBS

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INTA-LEAGUE—Boys and girls in junior and senior years of high school. Cultural athletic and social program. Meets every Saturday night. Mr. Joseph H. Aaron and Mrs. Claire Aaron, Leaders.

JUNIOR INTA-LEAGUE—Boys and girls in the first and second year of high school. Mr. Daniel Pressner, Leader.

SHOMRIM—Boys in the first two years of high school. Young Judean and athletic activities. Meets every Saturday night. Mr. Joseph H. Aaron, Leader.

VIVALETs — Girls in the upper grades. Young Judean and social program. Meets every Saturday night. Mrs. Leanne Rabinowitz, Leader.

TZO'FIM AND MACCABEES—Boys in elementary school. Young Judean and athletic program. Meets every Saturday night. Mr. William Rosenthal, Arthur Viders, Leaders.

CANDLE-LITES—Girls up to 11. Games, Arts and Crafts. Meets every Saturday night. Mrs. Jeanne Goldberg, Leader.

GIRL SCOUT TROOPS.
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Center Clubs are open to the children of Center members and to the students of Center schools. The clubs are guided by expert leaders under the supervision of Rabbi Saltzman.

CENTER LIBRARY

The Center Library is located on the third floor of our building and is open as per the following schedule:

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Rabbi Saltzman to Speak On "Concept of God" at Services

This Friday, February 29th, at our Late Friday Night Lecture Services, which begin at 8:30 o'clock, Rabbi Manuel Saltzman will preach on, "How to Teach the Concept of God to our Children." This subject should be of interest to many parents who are very often confronted with this problem.

Cantor Sauler will lead in the congregational singing and render a vocal selection.

We hope that many of our members, their families and friends will attend this most interesting service.

Sabbath Services

Friday evening services at 5:30 p.m.

Kindling of Candles at 5:26 p.m.

Sabbath services: Parsha "Terumah" Exodus 25:1-27:19; Prophets - I Kings 5:26-6:13, will commence at 8:30 a.m.

Cantor Sauler will officiate together with the Center Choral Group under the leadership of Mr. Sholom Secunda.

Rabbi Saltzman will preach on the weekly portion of the Torah.

Rabbi Gerson Abelson will speak in Yiddish at 4:45 p.m.

Mincha services at 5:40 p.m.

Daily Services

Morning services at 7 and 8 o'clock.

Mincha services at 5:40 p.m.

Special Maariv Services at 7:30 p.m.

Young Married Group

For their January 24th meeting the Young Married Group presented a program of particular interest to parents. A film entitled "Angry Boy" was shown illustrating the manner in which a child's rearing is directly influenced by the mental health of his parents. In dramatic form the story of an eleven-year-old was related indicating a sequence of events leading to stealing, all as a result of domination by a repressed and frustrated mother. Following the film, Mrs. Minna Holzberg of the Jewish Family Service led a stimulating and most provocative discussion.

For our February meeting, Rabbi Saltzman made his final appearance before the group prior to his departure from the Center. At this meeting he addressed the

group on the topic "Religion in the Public School System." All young married members who attended enjoyed a most delightful evening.

Junior League News

The Junior League, as usual, has had a wonderful month of enjoyable and successful meetings. The month of March also has in store some very interesting programs as follows: March 6th is scheduled for the usual Open Meeting; March 13th will feature a "Purim" play—"The Great Purim Scandal" based on the story of Sholem Aleichem; March 20th will highlight a panel discussion on "How Has T.V. Affected the Social Habits of the American People?"; March 27th will again be highlighted with a discussion on "How Has the American Jewish Community Been Influenced by the Creation of the State of Israel?" — the Guest Speaker will be announced at a later date. Social dancing follows each meeting and boys and girls of college age are invited to join the Junior League meetings which are held every Thursday evening.

Junior Clubs

The Junior Clubs have enjoyed a very successful month of activities. Some of the programs included the following: On February 9th, the Junior Clubs celebrated Jewish Music Month. Naftali Frankel, Music Instructor of our Hebrew School, led in the singing. The program featured piano, violin and accordian selections played by the members of the respective clubs. The girls' clubs presented dances and some of the girls sang Hebrew songs.

On February 23rd the clubs observed Inter-faith Day by an assembly at which an appropriate movie was shown.

The Shomrim club challenged an outside team to a basketball game on February 9th.

The clubs are making plans for the Purim Carnival which will be held on Saturday, March 15th. This carnival is arranged in conjunction with the Junior Congregation. The proceeds will go to the United Jewish Appeal.

Among the topics discussed at the clubs were: "Anti-Jewish Prejudice in the United States," "The Issues between Egypt and the State of Israel," also other topics of Jewish interest.

The Celebration of Purim

Purim occurs on the 14th day of Adar, Tuesday, March 11th. Monday, the 13th day of Adar is observed as "Taanis Esther" or the "Fast of Esther," because when the Jews of Persia heard of the evil decree, they spent that day in prayer, asking that they be spared from the persecution that Haman had planned.

The Megillah (Scroll of Esther) is read in the Synagogue at the evening and morning service of Purim (March 10th and 11th). It is the custom to use noisemakers (Haman Kloppe or Grogger) during this service. Every time Haman's name is mentioned, the children use the Groggers in order to drown out mention of his name.

A three-cornered Purim delicacy known as "Hamantash" is, according to custom, eaten on Purim. The "Hamantash," a German word meaning "Haman Pocket," is usually filled with poppy seeds, dates, nuts and raisins. "Schalach Monos," gift giving and special remembrance of the poor, is customary on Purim. On an occasion of joy it is natural we should want to share our happiness with others. Hence, "Schalach Monos." The carnival spirit rules on Purim.

Acknowledgment of Gifts

We acknowledge with thanks receipt of the following donations for the purchase of Prayer Books, Taleisim and books for our library:

Janet Epstein.

Benjamin Markowe.

Louis H. Samuels.

Mrs. Benjamin Stone.

Dr. and Mrs. David Kuperstein in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah.

Dr. and Mrs. Jacob Monto in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son.

Dr. and Mrs. Solomon Miller in celebration of their son's Bar Mitzvah.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Perlman in honor of the marriage of their daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rothstein in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Schrier in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their son.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah.

Mr. and Mrs. Moe Speigler in honor of their son's Bar Mitzvah.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

The following have applied for membership in the Brooklyn Jewish Center:

BARSHAY, JUDGE HYMAN

Res. 881 Washington Ave.

Married

Proposed by Abe Stark,

Judge Emanuel Greenberg

FINKELSTEIN, SIDNEY

Res. 27 E. 42nd St.

Bus. Yarns, 330 Bleecker St.

Married

Proposed by Leo Kaufmann,

Dr. Max Lerner

FLOMENHAFT, Miss LILLIAN

Res. 1703 Union St.

FLOMENHAFT, Miss MIRIAM P.

Res. 1703 Union St.

FRANKLIN, LAWRENCE

Res. 100 Avenue P

Bus. Hardware, 993 Clarkson Ave.

Married

Proposed by Leo Kaufmann,

Dr. Max Lerner

FRANKLIN, MARTIN

Res. 4902 Avenue M

Bus. Hardware, 993 Clarkson Ave.

Married

Proposed by Leo Kaufmann,

Dr. Max Lerner

FRIEDBERG, BERTRAM D.

Res. 55 Linden Blvd.

Bus. Coats & Suits, 256 W. 38th St.

Single

Proposed by Howard Werth,

Chas. Elkin

GREENBERG, WILLIAM

Res. 20 Crooke Ave.

Bus. Building, Bethpage, L. I.

Single

Proposed by Howard Werth,

Chas. Elkin

HOROWITZ, Miss NAOMI

Res. 1608 Union St.

KANTER, SIDNEY

Res. 1569 Park Pl.

Bus. Real Estate, 63 Park Row

Single

Proposed by Samuel Rothkopf,

Al Miller

KIRSCHENBAUM, SAM

Res. 2457 E. 26th St.

Bus. Insurance, 101 W. 31st St.

Single

Proposed by Dr. Sidney E. Licht,

Dr. Edw. Grapel

KOSLOFSKY, Miss RUTH

Res. 721 Eastern Pkwy.

KROOP, DR. IRVING

Res. 1353 Union St.

Bus. Physician

Married

LEICHT, LOUIS

Res. 274 Albany Ave.

Bus. Insurance, 170 Bway.

Single

LEVY, CHARLES

Res. 1215 Carroll St.

Bus. Insurance, 27 Cedar St.

Married

Proposed by Anne Friedman,

Milton Black

MARCUS, IRVING M.

Res. 3250 Coney Island Ave.

Bus. Labels & Tags, 120 Knickerbocker Ave.

Single

Proposed by Ben R. Berke,

Henry Lee Poyta

RINGEL, OSCAR

Res. 199 Lee Ave.

Bus. Trading, 50 W. 47th St.

Single

SCHWAM, ABRAHAM

Res. 346 New York Ave.

Bus. Meat Packers, 810 Freylichhuyssen Ave.

Married

Proposed by Isadore Hack,

David Friedman

SHAIKE, Miss HARRIET

Res. 677 Essex St.

Proposed by Ruth Rosenberg,

Bernice Miller

SIEGEL, HYMAN I.

Res. 80 Clarkson Ave.

Bus. Displays, 142 E. 49th St.

Single

Proposed by Howard Werth,

Chas. Elkin

SPITZ, GEORGE

Res. 803 E. 49th St.

Bus. Consulting Engr., 9 Bway.

SOLOMON, Miss SONDRRA

Res. 345 Montgomery St.

Proposed by Anna Feiler,

Minnie Samberg

TURNER, NORMAN I.

Res. 1598 Pacific St.

Bus. Printing, 137 Grand St.

Married

Proposed by Maurice Bernhardt,

Joseph Goldberg

WANDER, NATHANIEL

Res. 27 Prospect Park West

Bus. Iron Works, 421 Bruckner Blvd.

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GREENSTONE, Miss CHARLOTTE

Res. 1595 Park Pl.

KROHN, JACOB

Res. 1009 Eastern Pkwy.

Bus. Wall Covering, 390 Rockaway Ave.

Single

Proposed by Rev. M. Rogoff,

Louis Kotimsky

LITE, Miss PHYLLIS

Res. 1460 E. 8th St.

SARNER, MAX

Res. 751 St. Marks Ave.

Bus. Retail, 425 Madison Ave.

Married

Proposed by Dr. I. Leslie Epstein,

Philip Jacobs

Later Applications

FRIEDMAN, MORTON

Res. 2110 Newkirk Ave.

Bus. Insurance, 21 Vesey St.

Single

Proposed by Jacob M. Usadi,

Bernard Feinstein

KALLISH, EMANUEL H.

Res. 5544 Avenue D

Bus. Converter, 261—5th Ave.

Married

Proposed by Wm. Greenberg

LEHRER, SIGMUND

Res. 28 Stoddard Pl.

Bus. Book Club, 345 Hudson St.

Married

Proposed by Harry L. Berger,

Leo Kaufmann

LOWENFELD, MORTIMER P.

Res. 258 Sullivan Pl.

Single

Proposed by Isador Lowenfeld

MILLER, Miss JACKIE

Res. 259 E. 92nd St.

Proposed by Laura Korfman,

Annette Alterman

PARKOFF, PAUL

Res. 805 St. Marks Ave.

Bus. Knitting, 60 Bway.

Married

Proposed by Saul S. Abelov

ROTH, IRVING

Res. 1572 Carroll St.

Bus. Fur, 207 W. 27th St.

Married

Proposed by James J. Jackman,

Benj. H. Wisner

SACKIN, Miss EDITH

Res. 252 Schenectady Ave.

Proposed by Annette Alterman,

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PAGING SISTERHOOD!

SARAH KLINGHOFFER, Editor

February is the shortest month of the year, but a most significant one, for during this month we observe the birthdays of two great Americans, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. February, too, is important to us as Jews because it marks the celebration of Jewish Music Month. Music is the universal language; it is a non-controversial bond, above geographic, linguistic, or ideological barriers. It is the common denominator of Jewish life.

And during this month we observe Brotherhood Week. Let us fervently hope that the ideal of Brotherhood will reach to all the far corners of the globe, so that the world may emerge out of the darkness of chaos and confusion in which we are now living into the light of peace and good will to all. Then, and then only, will we become aware of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man."

BEATRICE SCHAEFFER,
President.

General Meeting, January 28th

A bleak, cold rain outdoors did not deter more than 200 Sisterhood members from attending our January afternoon meeting. Warned by hot coffee and refreshments served by our Hostess Chairman, Jennie Levine, and her committee, the audience relaxed and enjoyed intellectual and spiritual nourishment. President Bea Schaeffer asked the members to note forthcoming important dates, and speaking on behalf of our Torah Fund Luncheon, Chairman Mollie Markowe made an impassioned plea for an over-subscription of reservations. This, and about twenty other projects in which our Sisterhood participates, form the active agenda reviewed at each meeting. All chairmen request your co-operation. Join a committee, share in the activities, and help to keep our organization the largest and the most energetic Conservative Sisterhood in the country.

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Mary Kahn, chairman of the afternoon, introduced a "Tour On Slides," with vocal accompaniment, illustrating

the many facets of the Jewish Theological Seminary, an appropriate prelude to our efforts on behalf of Torah and the Seminary. This spiritual course on our program menu was followed by a delightful "Tzimmers," a charmingly abbreviated musical and dramatic version of "The King and I," performed by the petite Ruth Mondschein, instructor of Speech and Drama at Brooklyn College. Her unassuming rendition of the hit tunes, and her running description of the production, recreated for us the stellar roles played by Gertrude Lawrence and Yul Brynner. Her accompanist, Nick Grabow, helped to make the afternoon a very pleasurable one.

Kiddush

On Saturday, March 22nd, the Junior Congregation and the Children's Congregation will enjoy a Kiddush sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Hausner, in honor of their thirty-second wedding anniversary.

Cheer Fund Contributions

In memory of Morris Berman, by Dr. and Mrs. Harry Berman; in memory of Ann Boukstein's father, by Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kushner; in memory of Paul Kaufmann and daughter, by Mr. and Mrs. Morton Klinghoffer; in memory of Fannie Weinstein's father, by Mr. and Mrs. Klinghoffer.

Make your contributions to our Cheer Fund for a "Simcha," or to commemorate an event, to our Social Secretary, Rose Davis, SLocum 6-1433.

Torah Fund, Luncheon, March 5th

Chairman Mollie Markowe reports reservations to be coming in rapidly and urges you to make yours immediately. Call her at PR 2-1287, or her co-chairmen, Jennie Levine, SL 6-0730, and Syd Seckler, PR 4-1918. \$6.11 per person, including gratuities. Those who have attended the "Chai Club" Luncheon held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel on February 20th are eligible to attend our March 5th event.

Israel Bond "B. I. G." March 9-16

Ann Weisberg, Bond Chairman, invites you to become a Captain in the intensive Bond Brigade to speed the economic independence of Israel. Enlist

with her in the biggest door-to-door operation ever seen, and become eligible for a free trip to Israel. Bonds sold during this Purim Festival period will indeed be "Shalachmones" from the Jews of New York to the Jews of Israel. Call and tell her you will serve—STerling 3-0639.

Serva-Camp Aid

On February 18th, a committee of women, headed by Shirley Gluckstein, visited the veterans at Fort Hamilton Hospital, dispensing gifts and good cheer. This is a project of the Federation of Jewish Women's Organizations, of which we are an affiliate.

Membership Tea Wed., Feb. 27th

All new members who joined the Center in 1951 and 1952 were invited to attend a Reception Tea at the home of Mrs. Joseph Heimowitz, 410 Crown Street, at 1 P.M. Mrs. M. Robert Epstein, Membership Chairman, arranged a fine program, which included a welcome by Mrs. Frank Schaeffer, Sisterhood President, a musical treat by Betty Hechtman, star of "Der Shirtz" and "Der Yiddisher Mikado," and greetings from our Rabbi Manuel Saltzman.

In Praise of "Tevya's Daughters"

"Each woman did her part superbly and I *shept naches* from them. Has Hollywood contacted them yet?"—Mrs. Selma Wald, Pres. American Jewish Congress, Manhattan Beach Branch. "Since your Players cannot visit Winnipeg, how can we get the script?"—Winnipeg, Canada, Jewish Center. "Heard your performance of *Tevya* was excellent—can you present it for us?"—Peekskill rabbi.

Program and Education Conference

The Metropolitan Branch of the National Women's League has planned an interesting All-Day Seminar on Program and Education to be held at the Jewish Theological Seminary, 3080 Broadway, on Thursday, February 28th, from 10:30 to 3 P.M. Lunch at 85¢ per person, including registration. Besides demonstration of Judaism-In-The-Home project, there will be a performance in color, costume and song of the "Shushan Showboat," presented by the Rockville Center Sisterhood in celebration of Purim and Jewish Music Month. Make your reservations with Sarah Klinghoffer, who will be Chairman of the afternoon.

Publications

Secure a copy of the new book, "The Sabbath—Its Meaning for Modern Man,"

by A. J. Heschel, which should be in the hands of every Sisterhood member. Cost to you at wholesale price, \$1.85. Call Rose Bromberg, PR 3-5004, for your purchase; it will make a perfect *Shalach Mones*. Also, order your Purim greeting cards at the same time.

Post Graduate Students Breakfast

Sisterhood will sponsor a Breakfast on Sunday morning, March 16th, for the students in our Hebrew High School Department. Heading the Hostess Committee are Rose Davis and Helen Flamm. U. J. A.

Ida Fried, U.J.A. Chairman, urges you to make prompt payment of your pledges as well as to stimulate generous contributions from your friends and neighbors. Lil Levy, Chairman of Special Gifts, will take reservations for the \$250 and over Brunch to be held on Wednesday, March 12th, at the Hotel Plaza.

Sisterhood Friday Night Service

Sisterhood will conduct the Late Friday Evening Services on March 14th, the subject of the Symposium to be "The Role of the Jewish Woman Today." Panelists will be Mesdames Mabel Berman, Ernestine Goldstein and Ganya Spintad, with Mrs. Beatrice Schaeffer as Moderator. Participants in the responsive reading will be Mesdames Eva Brautman, Rose Davis, Natalie Goldberg, Mollie Meyer and Laura Rubin. An Oneg Shabbat will follow. Come with your families and take pride in our Sisterhood women!

Women in the News

Congratulations to Mrs. Sarah Epstein, Sisterhood Vice-President and President of our Hebrew School P.T.A., upon her election to the Governing Board of the Center.

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, March 12 — Special Gifts U.J.A. Brunch to be held at the Hotel Plaza for contributors of \$260 and over. Please make your reservations and reports to our Special Gifts Chairman, Lillie Levy — SL 6-8053 or Lil Lowenfeld — SL 6-9865.

Wednesday, March 5 — Torah Fund Luncheon. Make reservations now! Monday, March 10 — Sisterhood Executive Board Meeting, 12:30 P.M.

Friday, March 14 — Sisterhood Friday Night Service. Symposium. Oneg Shabbat.

Wednesday, March 19 — All U.J.A. workers will be invited to a Brunch and

Techniques Meeting to take place at the Hotel Warwick at 11 A.M. Please be sure to reserve this date for the occasion. For information call Ida Fried, Chairman — PR 4-2251.

Thursday, March 20 — Open Meeting Brooklyn Division Women's League. All welcome. Guest Speaker, Prof. A. J. Heschel, noted author and lecturer. Also Passover Demonstration and Workshop.

Entertainment Committee and Dramatic Group

Director Herb Levine reports splendid progress on our forthcoming production of "Claudia." The play will open on May 6th starring Thelma Newberger as Claudia. The supporting cast includes Arnold Magaliff, Norma Wilks, Hal Rossman, Rosalind Zambrowsky, Fred Fellman, Irene Forman, Janice Nathanson. The producer is Elmer Riffman and the manager, Harold Kalb.

Israel Bond Drive

William Brief, Chairman of our Israeli Bond Drive Committee, reports that members of our Young Folks League have already purchased about \$10,000.00 worth of Bonds. If every member of our group bought a Bond we could multiply this figure several times. You are urged to make this interest-bearing investment in the State of Israel. For further details and Bond applications, contact Bill Brief at DI 5-4340.

Calendar of Events

Tuesday evening, March 4th: Our Current Events Group under the chairmanship of Paul Kotik has arranged to have a recent visitor to Germany speak on "Germany Today." Special emphasis will be given to the facts about the resurgence of Nazism.

Tuesday evening, March 11th: This meeting comes just before the Young People's League's convention which will be held from March 20th to 23rd at the Ambassador Hotel at Atlantic City. Jerome Simonson, Regional Vice-President of the YPL, and Irvin Rubin, past President, are arranging this program on a YPL theme.

Tuesday evening, March 18th: Our Hebrew Culture Group, chaired by Martin Karlin, will present Rabbi Mordecai H. Lewittes, Principal of our Hebrew and Sunday Schools, who will speak on

Monday, March 24 — Jewish Women of Achievement, Third Annual Program, 12:45 P.M. Citations of Merit will be presented to Judge Anna Moskowitz Kross, Zelda Popkin, noted lecturer and author of "Quiet Street," etc., and other illustrious guests to be announced. Outstanding musical interlude. Refreshments in advance of meeting.

THE YOUNGER MEMBERSHIP

the subject "Bialik—Poet of the Jewish Renaissance."

Tuesday, March 25th: On this evening, we will hold our Gala United Jewish Appeal affair. The tables will be set in cabaret style and there will be entertainment and dancing to the tunes of a top notch orchestral ensemble. This date should be a *must* for all Young Folks Leaguers.

Interest Groups

MUSIC INTEREST GROUP: The second meeting of this group found the attendance doubled. An interesting and relaxing evening of records and comments provided by Jack Usadi was enjoyed by all. The next meeting of this group will be held on Monday, March 3rd, at 9 p.m. Refreshments will follow the meeting.

ONEG SHABBAT: Our Oneg Shabbats, following the Late Friday Night Services, find ever increasing numbers of our members in attendance. All of our members who would like to spend a pleasant evening in a social, Sabbath atmosphere are urged to attend.

BOWLING GROUP: Meets every Sunday at 2 p.m. at Kings Recreation Center, Clarkson and New York Avenues. Elmer Riffman, Chairman.

ICE SKATING GROUP: The Ice Skating Group meets at the Brooklyn Ice Palace every Sunday and Wednesday evenings at 8:30 p.m. Members are requested to bring their membership cards to obtain a reduced rate. For further details contact Harold Becker.

MORRIS HECHT,
Vice-President.

Bar Mitzvah

A hearty Mazel Tov is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Dittman of 921 Washington Avenue on the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Steven, at the Center this Sabbath morning, March 1st.

NEWS OF THE MONTH

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Existence of Jewish tribes in the Sahara Desert, hitherto unknown, was reported by Andre Chouraqui, assistant secretary general of the Alliance Israelite Universelle, who recently completed an 8,000-mile tour of Africa by car.

Chouraqui said that in crossing the Sahara, he had found Jewish nomads as yet unknown to Jewish historians. He reported finding one Jewish tribe of 3,000 people at an oasis in the Sahara. They were living under conditions of a thousand years ago, he said. He said he met other large Jewish groups elsewhere in Africa.

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The State Department said that former Nazi Major General Walter P. Schreiber, who commanded the department of medical science of Hitler's supreme command, entered the United States in U. S. Air Force custody and that he was not cleared by the State Department for a visa.

The Defense Department is authorized to import foreign experts whom the Department considers desirable for defense purposes without clearing such people through normal channels.

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Jews in Uruguay are deeply concerned over a recent anti-Jewish order issued in this smallest and most advanced republic

The Bible in Hebrew In Braille

JEWISH blind are now able to "touch" the well springs of their spiritual heritage as they read and study the Bible in the language in which it was originally written. For the first time in history the Bible has been made available in Hebrew Braille, a system which enables the blind to read through raised print.

Through the efforts of the Jewish Braille Institute of America and its gifted sightless leader, Mr. Leopold Dubov, a New Yorker, the braille edition of the Scriptures was completed only after five years of painstaking devotion and at a cost of more than \$20,000, met by contributions from individuals and groups such as units of the National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods. The Books of the Bible are reproduced in 20 volumes. Free copies have been distributed to schools and libraries, including the American Bible Society; the Library for the Blind in New York City; the Jewish Historical Society; the Library of Congress; the Union of American Hebrew Congregations; Hebrew University in Israel.

in South America by Mayor Rivera Berreta of Canelones, who is also administrative head of the township La Paz, where the only Jewish cemetery in the country is located.

The Mayor's order provides for an unprecedented increase in the tax on burials

of Jews in the La Paz cemetery. Instead of paying two pesos—about \$1.00—burial tax, Jews will now have to pay 120 pesos for each person buried in their cemetery. The Mayor is reported as having said that the tax rise should bring about "the suppression of the cemetery of the Jewish race and religion in this province."

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A survey to determine whether it is beneficial to have joint participation of Jewish and Christian children in combined Chanukah and Christmas celebrations was initiated in St. Paul, Minn., by the Council of Human Relations.

The survey seeks to establish whether there is greater understanding and more friendly relations where these joint programs were conducted.

Late Membership Applications

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Laura Korfman

SCHERR, Miss RUTH
Res. 753 Linden Blvd.

SHERMAN, Miss SHIRLEY
Res. 1761—55th St.

Proposed by Annette Alterman,
Laura Korfman

YAEGER, CHARLES
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Bus. Milliner, 55 W. 39th St.
Married

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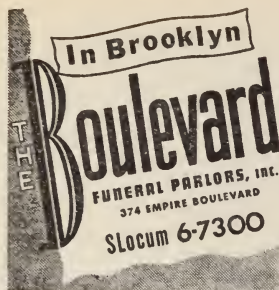
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